Bulk-sensitive photoemission for Pr-based heavy fermion and Spin-polarized scanning tunneling spectroscopy for Fe nanomagnets

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The Bulk-sensitive measurement must be crucial in the study of Pr 4f states since the c-f hybridization in Ce, Sm, and Yb compounds is known to be much weaker at the surface than in the bulk. We have performed the high-resolution bulk-sensitive Pr 3d-4f resonant photoemission spectroscopy (hv~930eV) and Pr 3d core-level spectroscopy up to hv=5500eV for heavy-fermion Pr compounds. We have observed the Kondo resonance for PrFe4P12, at Fermi level the intensity of which is much stronger than that observed in the low-energy photoemission measurements. The contribution of 4f3 configuration is obviously seen in Pr 3d core-level spectra, suggesting the Kondo resonance originates from the mixing of 4f2 and 4f3 configurations due to the strong hybridization. In addition, I will show the resent results of spin-polarized scanning tunneling spectroscopy (Sp-STS) for Fe nanomagnet on W(001). Single domain and vortex states in the nano-scale islands have been observed. The high-resolution magnetic images enable us to determine the size limit of the single domain experimentally.

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